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EGERTON RYERSON MORROW BRECKEN FONDS

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EGERTON RYERSON MORROW BRECKEN FONDS. – 1907-1943. – 60 cm of textual records.

Egerton Ryerson Morrow Brecken (1882-1943) was a Methodist/United Church minister, educator, and Missionary to China. The son of Prof. Brecken of Mount Allison University, Egerton Ryerson Morrow Brecken was born in 1882 in Halifax. He was educated at Mount Allison and Victoria Universities. Ordained into the Methodist Church in 1907, he served in West China from 1908 to 1924, teaching Biblical Literature at Chengtu. He travelled and served in Saskatchewan until his appointment in 1930 to teach at Mount Allison. He retired in 1942 due to failing health and eyesight, and died in 1943.

Fonds consists of correspondence, 1907-1943; addresses, n.d. (probably 1920s or 1930s); diaries, 1903, 1910-1926, 1938; sermons, articles, lecture notes, poems, n.d.

Papers donated in 1979 by Brecken's granddaughter in Guelph, Ontario.

Acc.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
Correspondence			
86.043C	1-1	Biographical	
	1-2	Invitation to join the Faculty of Theology of Mount Allison University	1907
	1-3	Correspondence	1908
	1-4	---	1909
	1-5	---	1910
	1-6	---	1911
	1-7	---	1912
	1-8	---	1913
	1-9	---	1914
	1-10	---	1915
	1-11	---	1916
		Furlough part of the year	
	1-12	---	1917
		Furlough part of the year	
	1-13	---	1918
	1-14	---	1919
	2-15	---	1920
		Plans for new house for West China missionaries	
	2-16	---	1921
	2-17	---	1922
	2-18	---	1923
	2-19	---	1924
		Departure for and arrive in Canada	
	2-20	---	1925
	2-21	---	1926
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	2-23	---	1928
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	2-26	---	1930
	2-27	---	1931
	2-28	---	1932
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86.043C	2-35	---	1938
	2-36	---	1939
	2-37	---	1940
	2-38	---	1941
	2-39	---	1942-1943
		Letters of sympathy on death of E.R.M. Brecken	
Addresses			
	3-40	"The Case of China and the Outside World	
	3-41	"China at the Crossroads"	
	3-42	"China's Challenge to the Christian Church"	
	3-43	"China – Szechwan Province, 1892-1932)	June 8, 1932
	3-44	"The Chinese Puzzle"	
	3-45	"Christian-Education in China"	
	3-46		
	3-47	"A Conception of God for Today"	
	3-48	"The Crisis in the Missionary Enterprise"	
	3-49	"De Gustibus"	
	3-50	"Duty"	
	3-51	"Forward"	
	3-52	"The Goddess of Mercy"	
	3-53		
	3-54	"Jonah"	
	3-55	"Missionary Address"	1932
	3-56	"Musings of the Mental Amphibian"	
	3-57	"Nationalism, Internationalism, Christianity"	
	3-58	"Nationalist Movement in China"	
	3-59	"Peace in Our Time – How?	
	3-60	"Re-thinking Missions"	
	3-61	"The Temple of Heaven"	
	3-62	"Use of Leisure"	
	3-63	"The Vision of the Future"	
		"Address to the Woman's Missionary Society of Eglinton	1925
	3-64	Methodist Church Toronto	
Articles			
86.043C	3-65	"Jerusalem Mother of the World's Hope" – <u>New Look</u>	May 12, 1926
	3-65a	"Atonement"	
	3-66	"Buddhism"	
	3-67	"The Challenge of Our Age to Christianity"	
		"The Influence of Jeremiah and Ezekiel upon the Hebrews	
	3-68	Conceptions of Sin and Salvation"	
	3-69	"Missionary"	
	3-70	"Systematic Theology"	
Poems			
	3-71	Various poems of E.R.M. Brecken	
	3-72	Poem to his fiancé, Vida May Overland	1908
Sermons			
	5-119	Sermon register	1929-1938
	3-73	"Alleluia, for the Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth"	
	3-74	"And They Shall Bring the Glory and the Honour of the Nations into it"	
	3-75	"Behold, I bring you good tidings"	
	3-76	"The biggest Enterprise in the World"	
	3-77	"Civilization at the Crossroad – He Must Reign"	
	3-78	"(I am) Come that (They Might) have Life – more abundantly"	
	3-79	"Credo"	

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86.043C	3-80	"Disciples called Christians first in Antioch"	May 24, 1938
	3-81	"God has spoken to us in His Son"	
	3-82	"God is Light"	
	3-83	"God Loveth a Cheerful Giver"	
	3-84	"Head Over all Things to the Church ---"	
	3-85	"I am not Ashamed of the Gospel of Christ"	
	3-86	"I had fainted, unless I believe....."	
	3-87	"I will ask the Father to give you Another Strengtheners"	
	3-88	"Jesus and Labour"	
	3-89	"The Kingdom of This World is Become the Kingdom of Our Lord and of His Christ"	
	3-90	"A Matter of Taste"	
	3-91	"One Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul Affirmed to be Alive"	
	3-92	"One Mediator...The Man Christ Jesus"	
	3-93	"The Risen Lord"	
	3-94	"The Sovereignty of Christ, the Only Hope for Human Progress"	
	3-95	"Thou wilt keep Him in Perfect Peace Whose Mind is Stayed on Thee"	
	3-96	"Thy Kingdom Come"	
	3-97	"Wesley Bi-Centenary"	
	3-98	"Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth Shall Make You Free"	
	3-98a	Volume – "Outline of Discourses"	
Miscellaneous			
86.043C	3-98b	Documents written in Chinese	1909, 1915-1918
	3-99	Miscellaneous items relating to West China Union University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Bulletins I, II, III• 1918 Advice to missionaries, Course of Study for Women• CMM Hospital, Chengtu, Opening Exercises September 16, 1915, Program• Examination Paper, January 1924 "Old Testament Prophets"• Agenda for Proposed Women's Meetings, During Council, January 15, 1917• 2 poems about Canadian Methodist Mission/Missionaries in Szechuan• The Union Mission Training School Course of lectures – Spring Term, 1921• New Year's Even 1909, Chengtu, Community Concert• Unidentified document (language study)	
	3-102	Brecken, Vida May, Record of correspondence	1911-1923
	4-106	Teaching notes – "Sociology"	
	4-107	Teaching notes – Chinese history; Religion of China"	
	4-108	Teaching notes "Old and New Testament"	
	4-109	Notes on "Comparative Religion"	
	4-110	Lecture notes "Sociology"	
	4-111	Lecture notes "Philosophy of Religion"	
	4-112	Mount Allison University – Examination papers, class lists, reading lists, etc.	
	4-113	Books ordered	
	4-114	Lecture notes – sundry	

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86.043C Diaries	4-115	Assorted family photographs	
	3-100	Diary of Egerton Ryerson Morrow Brecken	1910
	3-101	Diary of (Vida May Brecken)	1910
	3-103	Diary of Egerton Ryerson Morrow Brecken	1924
	3-104	Diary of Egerton Ryerson Morrow Brecken	1926
	4-105	Diary of Vida May Brecken	1943-1944
	5-116	The Missionaries Anglo-Chinese Diary	1910-1919
		<p>These diaries provided space for daily entries of activities, lists of letters sent, discourses delivered, names of enquirers and candidates of baptism, baptisms performed, members received on profession of faith or by letter, suspensions, excommunications, stations visited, days spent itinerating, expenses, accounts, books sold, memoranda</p> <p>Dr. Brecken has made regular daily entries and recorded letters sent except for part of 1910. There are also entries of accounts and memoranda but none for enquirers, baptisms or members received, etc.</p>	
	5-117	Diary of a trip to England and Europe	1903
		<p>This diary gives a detailed account of a trip to England and Europe.</p>	
	5-118	Diary of a trip to England and Scotland	1938
		<p>This diary gives a detailed account of a trip to England and Scotland in 1938. Most of the time was spent in Oxford, Cambridge, London and Edinburgh</p>	